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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche August 23 to Peter van der Vliet, head of Political and Legal Affairs, MFA UN and IFIs Department. Van der Vliet said that the Dutch were waiting to see how their own HRC re-election campaign shaped out, before deciding whether to support Matheson. The Dutch are looking to trade votes in ILC, HRC and other elections and would be interested in cutting deals with us. Van der Vliet added that, whatever the final decision, the GONL would not support any candidates who were "not qualified."

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